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Q 04) Volkspolizeibereitschaft and Volkspolizeischule:

1. volkspolizeibereitschaft

Quarters:
Strength:
Organization:
Personnel:

Rote Kaserne on Alsenstrasse
Eight hundred police
One Sonderkommando and three Kommandos
Volkspolizeirat Matschina, CO of
Bereitschaft
Volkspolizeirat Glogau, PK-Leiter
Volkspolizeirat Herzer, Einsatzleiter
(operations officer)
Volkspolizeirat Meinel, Ausbildungsleiter
(training officer)
Kommissar Fischer, SED-Parteileiter
(Socialist Unity Party commissar)
Volkspolizeimeister Zoellner, CO of
1st Kommando
Kommissar Logalla, CO of 2d Kommando
Kommissar Reinelt, CO of 3rd Kommando.

Armament:

Ten 120-mm mortars
Six machine guns, type 34
Seven machine guns, type 33 Maxim
Two hundred and fifty carbines, type 98k
Thirty rapid-fire rifles
Seventy submachine guns, type 44

Training:

Combat and field training
Instruction on arms: Machine gun,
type 34 (4 hours weekly)
Machine gun type 08 (6 hours weekly)
Submachine gun, type 44 (6 hours weekly)
Pistol type 08 (4 hours weekly)
Carbine, type 98k (2 hours weekly).

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Engineer service: Demolition of
bridges and fortificationsSignal-communications training with
field telephones, type 33.

2. Volkspolizeischule:

quarters: At the former airfield

Type: "Ib" school, emphasizing infantry
training

Strength: About 1,500 police

School Commandant: Inspekteur Schuelke

Armament: Hundred submachine guns, type 44
Two hundred and fifty pistols, type 08
Four hundred carbines, type 98K
Thirty machine guns, type 08
Eighty flame throwers, Soviet make
Ten 88-mm guns, Soviet make
One T34 tank.

Miscellaneous: With police trainees' desertions and
attempts at desertion increasing, it
was recently ordered that each German
police guard was to be accompanied
by a Soviet guard.

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Comment:

The report substantiated previous information on the Prenzlau Volkspolizeibereitschaft and Volkspolizeischule,* except for the following: Different spelling of officer names (probably due to mistakes in hearing); the number of weapons is considered too high; Soviet 88-mm guns are unknown and may have been confused with 85-mm AT or 41 guns.

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